

CASE STUDIES FACTSHEET

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

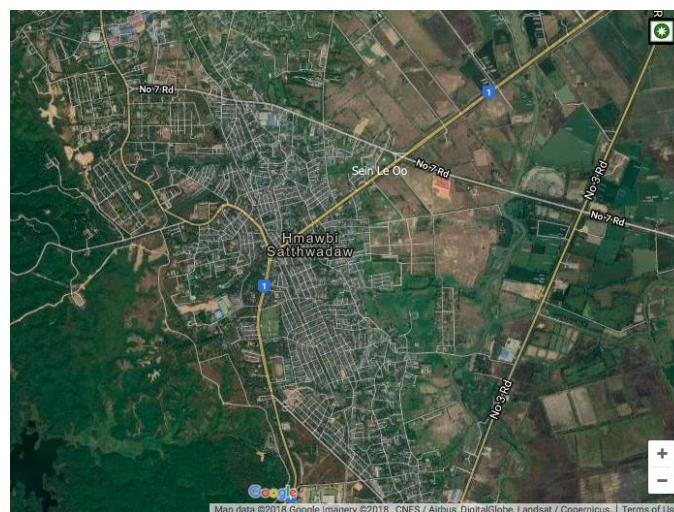
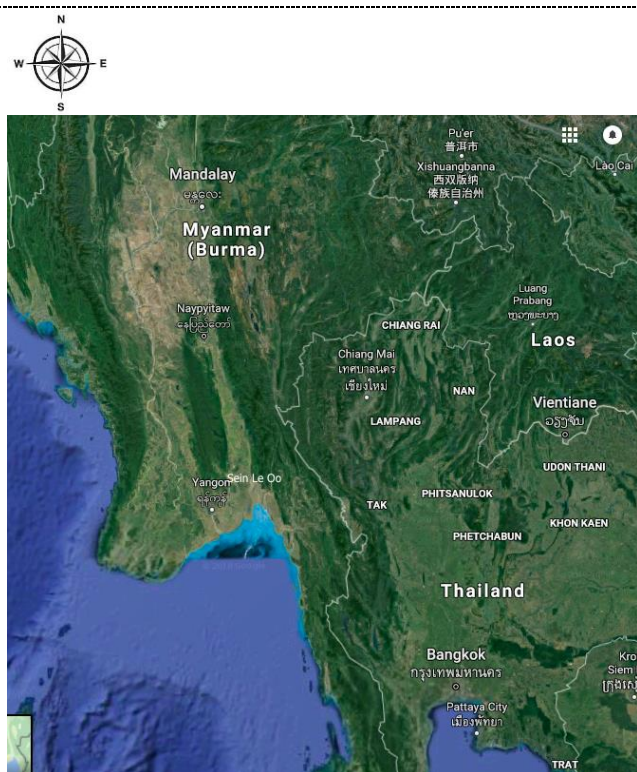
Support organization name	<i>Myanmar Organic Grower and Producer Association</i>		
Stakeholder classification	Specify		
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Location	Chauk Township, Ma Gway region		
Type of Agro-ecology schools	Specify		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation agriculture			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organic agriculture	Improvement of Organic Participatory Guarantee System Certification		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agro-forestry			
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<input type="checkbox"/> System of Rice Intensification			

II. FARM BACKGROUND

	Detail information
Small farmers (family size & Labor)	U Wan Tin
Land ownership	5Acre
Choice of crops and cultivation methods	Many kinds of vegetable , Tomato, Bottle Gourd, Tamarind, Bamboo shoot, Lemongrass, Long bean, Okra, Bitter gourd, Ridge gourd, Eggplant and Chili , Mustard, Kailan , Papaya , Waxy Gourd
Year in practice (>2-3 cropping cycles)	Twice a year
Economic benefit	About 15,000 -MMK in every week
Main market outlets	60% can be sold out at own organic shop

Peer-farmers adoption

III. AE LAND LOCATION AND TRANSECT LANDSCAPE



IV. DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE (BACKGROUND, REASON FOR STARTING THE INITIATIVE / GETTING INVOLVED, TECHNICAL SUPPORT RECEIVED, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS / PERFORMANCE, LESSON LEARNT, ETC.)

MOGPA had initiated Participatory Guarantee System in organic farming since 2014 due to the introduction of Asian Development Bank. Vice president, Dr. Than Than Sein studied PGS system in Hanoi, Viet Nam and she shared to her association MOGPA in April, 2014. All of the members of MOGPA were pleased to know about PGS system which is very helpful and beneficial for small holder organic farmers. MOGPA firmly believed that, PGS system is not only for marketing tools but also for farmers empowerment system.

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At the beginning of 2015, FAO, RAP (Food and Agriculture Organization, Regional Office for Asia and Pacific) received PGS certification project provided by ADB (Asian Development Bank). Due to this reason Myanmar had been extended to study PGS system more. Such kind of project helped to MOGPA only technical support with IFOAM consultant.

IFOAM consultant (Mr. Chris May) visited to Myanmar and taught PGS system to MOGPA. U Wann Tin (Farmer of Sein Le Oo Organic PGS farm) became one of the trainees of PGS training of Mr. Chris May. MOGPA was an implementation partner of FAO project. IFOAM consultant visited to the potential organic farms near Yangon area. MOGPA has been educating agro-ecology and sustainable farming system including Organic agriculture since 2010, August. Therefore, many potential organic farms were trying to fulfill the requirement of IFOAM organic standard.

Among them, U Wann Tin was enthusiastic and willing to start PGS organic farm as model. It is a brief history of (Sein Le Oo) first organic PGS farm in Myanmar. Many kinds of vegetable, Tomato, Bottle Gourd, Tamarind, Bamboo shoot, Lemongrass, Long bean, Okra, Bitter gourd, Ridge gourd, Eggplant and Chili , Mustard, Kailan , Papaya , Waxy Gourd were grown in the land .

Buffer zone was managed with bamboo and insect attractive plants were grown in the border of vegetable plantation. Sein Le Oo organic PGS farm was located at the starting point of high way road of Yangon to Mandalay. High way cars stopped and shopped the organic vegetables and visited the farm.

The vegetable from Sein Le Oo organic PGS farm cover about 80% of vegetable consumption and selling of his shop. He earned about 15,000-MMK in every week .



U Wann Tin received training on Basic Organic Farming Training , PGS Basic Training and PGS TOT training , how to support In additional he also received organic fertilizer making with farm waste.

The lesson learn from project

FAO+ ADB project provided technical support only. Due to the financial support of ALiSEA , MOGPA could manage organic PGS TOT (Training for Trainers) Training . According to the PGS operation guideline, PGS certification should be introduced to the people who decided to grow organic farm. After that, standard training, establish of farmers group, pledge and internal monitoring of PGS management committee should be carried out. Monthly meeting, discussion on field problem , documentation and data base were not easy to comply for farmers .PGS TOT training could produce many teachers to help farmers documentation system is the best ay to solve the problem.

V. POTENTIAL ON SCALING UP - DISSEMINATION

Organic PGS awareness training and agro-ecology practices could be disseminated and shared valuable experiences of sustainable approaches. MOGPA monthly trainees could visited and study easily from Sein Le Oo. U Wann Tin shared his experiences of organic farm, marketing and organic fertilizer making to trainees.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUGGESTION

Suggestion

PGS certification could be developed in two ways. One is project approach and second is private company approach. Private company could pull the farmers from the market. Project farmers had finished their organic works after the project. This case was a second type of organic farmers and sustainable farming system. U Wann Tin is happy to receive organic PGS farm , and will continue plantation for next years with his own seed.



VII. MESSAGE FROM FARMER TO FARMERS

PGS is the best tool for local market creation , farmers' empowerment and regional development .